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9 FAM 42.21 NOTES

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal rewrites 9 FAM 42.21 Notes to include new policy and procedures due to the International Adoption Simplification Act.

Old Location	Old Title	New Location	New Title
		9 FAM 42.21 N15	Adult Adopted Under INA 101(B)(1)(G) Adult Sibling Exception – Immediate Relative (IR2) Classification
		9 FAM 42.21 N15.1	Adult Sibling Exception Defined
		9 FAM 42.21 N15.2	Competent Authority Defined for Adult Sibling Exception Beneficiaries not Issued Final Adoption

		9 FAM 42.21 N15.3	USCIS Retains Full Petition Adjudication Authority for Adult Sibling Exception
		9 FAM 42.21 N15.4	Adult Sibling Exception Beneficiaries Classifiable as IR2
		9 FAM 42.21 N15.5	Child Citizenship Act Does Not Apply to Adult Sibling Exception Beneficiaries
		9 FAM 42.21 N15.6	Processing Procedures for Petitions Based on the Adult Sibling Exception
9 FAM 42.21 N15	Classification of Amerasian Children Under Public Law 97- 359	9 FAM 42.21 N16	Classification of Amerasian Children Under Public Law 97- 359
9 FAM 42.21 N15.1	Classification Under INA 204(f)(1)	9 FAM 42.21 N16.1	Classification Under INA 204(f)(1)
9 FAM 42.21 N15.2	Alternative Classification	9 FAM 42.21 N16.2	Alternative Classification
9 FAM 42.21 N15.3	Petition Procedures for Amerasian Child	9 FAM 42.21 N16.3	Petition Procedures for Amerasian Child
9 FAM 42.21 N15.4	Revocation of Petition for Amerasian Child	9 FAM 42.21 N16.4	Revocation of Petition for Amerasian Child

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